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Applicants

Edward L. Carver, Jr. and  
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**APPARATUS AND METHOD  
FOR MIXING FLUIDS FOR  
ANALYSIS**

Application Serial No. 09/198,004

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Dear Sir:

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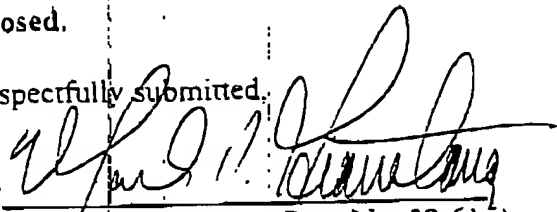
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Respectfully submitted,

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